

**ALBION STREET GROUP PRACTICE
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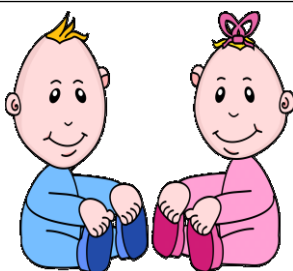


EASTER OPENING TIMES

We will be closed from
Friday 19th April to Monday 22nd April
Open as usual on Tuesday 23rd April
MAY BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURE
Monday 6th May and Monday 27th May
2019

Comment from the Chair of the Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Hello, my name is Martin Dadswell. I have lived in Rotherhithe for almost 25 years and am the current Chair of the Patient Participation Group (PPG) here at Albion Street Group Practice. With the NHS being reformed to meet the needs of the 21st Century, patient participation is at the centre of decision making in regards of how local services are funded, and prioritised so the PPG is a vital component of local and social care commissioning health. We meet 4 times a year and are also involved in health care planning and funding in Southwark. We are looking for more patients to come and join our small group. If you are interested in the health care available to you or your family, have comments on how the surgery operates, are concerned about all the health services in the borough, how they are planned, funded and delivered then we would really welcome you to our group. Meeting dates and times are advertised on our notice board in the surgery, on the practice website and through this newsletter. Training is provided by the Clinical Commissioning Group for Southwark which helps us to be an effective voice from the community. We are supported by the staff at the health centre.



Is your child due any immunisations?

Book the appointment with the nurse. There are Saturday appointments available at Bermondsey Spa Medical Centre if that is more suitable. Speak to reception to book appointments



Online Access

Did you know you can access your blood test results, make appointments and request prescriptions online? You will need to bring in photo-id and proof of address to set up your online access.

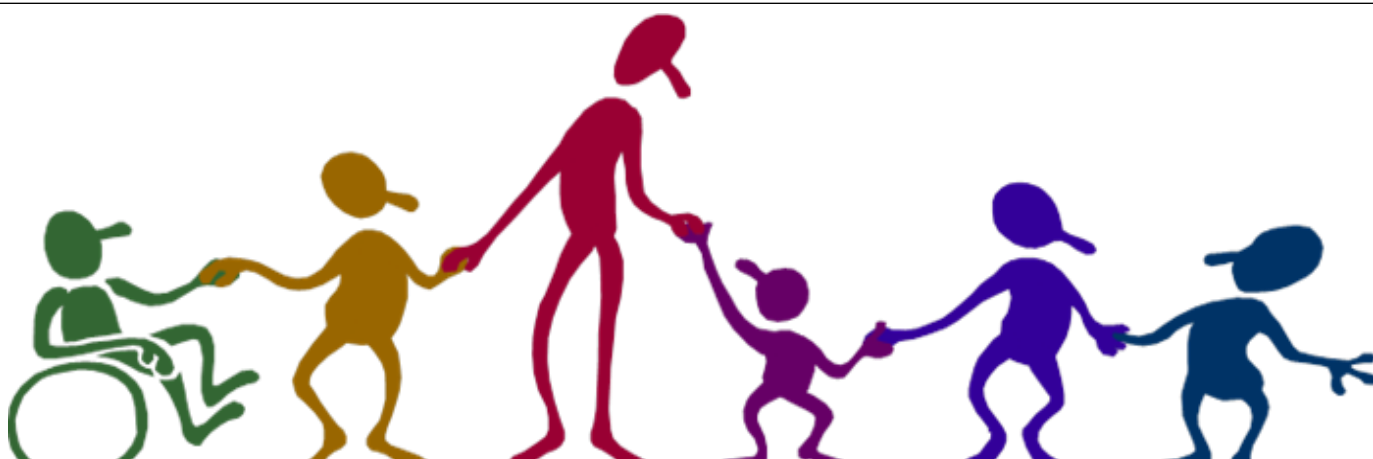


PHARMACY FIRST

Pharmacy First common illness scheme



The Pharmacy First Scheme gives patients quick and local access to advice and treatment from the pharmacist at local Southwark chemists about common illnesses. If treatment is appropriate and required, and the patient is exempt from prescription charges, the pharmacist will be able to give the medicine for free.



Patient Participation Group

The PPG aims to be representative of our patient population and give constructive feedback to the practice on developing and improving services to patients. The group can be contacted directly souccg.AlbionstreetPPG@nhs.net.

The next PPG Meeting to be held at the surgery on Tuesday 30th April at 2pm. All registered patients are welcome to attend. Minutes of previous meetings can be viewed at www.albionstreetgrouppractice.co.uk

Comments or suggestions; are welcome from all our patients. There is a "suggestion" box in the main reception area and another on the first floor. These are reviewed regularly at staff and PPG Meetings



We will be closed between 1-4pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month for Staff Training



Goodbye to Sarah Ageypong our nurse practitioner & Dr Ellie Fielding. Welcome to Dr Bradley Neal & Dr Tom Peters